

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1002

By Evans

A RESOLUTION to recognize Cathy Todd Rader on the occasion of her retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of public service; and

WHEREAS, Cathy Todd Rader is one such estimable person who has served with distinction for many years with Metro Parks, where she most recently held the position of Specialized Skills Supervisor; she has recently announced that she will be taking her much deserved retirement; and

WHEREAS, originally employed by Metro Parks after her freshman year at Middle Tennessee State University in 1969, Cathy Rader continued working each summer during her college career and was hired on November 1, 1972 as a full-time Community Center Director II – Special Activities division; and

WHEREAS, promoted to Special Programs Coordinator by Metro Parks on August 1, 1977, Ms. Rader was designated a Specialized Skills Supervisor in July 1987; and

WHEREAS, instrumental in the establishment of the Tennessee Special Olympics organization, Cathy Rader served thirty-five years as the Tennessee Special Olympics Nashville area director and was a volunteer state games director for many years, as well as a member of the Special Olympics Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Rader was an ex officio board member of the newly formed Friends of Metro Parks Disabilities Program and played a vital role in its establishment as a 501(c)3 organization dedicated to providing funding for recreational opportunities for adults and children with physical and developmental disabilities; and

WHEREAS, Cathy Rader has also lent her time and considerable talents to Missionfuge at Belmont University and to Best Buddies of Vanderbilt, which works to enhance the lives of individuals with intellectual disabilities by providing opportunities for one-to-one friendships; and

WHEREAS, Cathy Todd Rader exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout her estimable career, Cathy Rader has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of her colleagues; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we extend to Cathy Todd Rader our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.